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**MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN STATE PRISON FOR FATAL STABBING IN
MARSHFIELD**

BROCKTON – A Plymouth County Grand Jury deliberated two hours before finding a man guilty of Murder in the First Degree in the stabbing death of his former girlfriend, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Marcelo Almeida (DOB: 6/21/70) was found guilty in Brockton Superior Court of Murder in the First Degree by means of Deliberate Premeditation and Extreme Atrocity and Cruelty in the brutal, stabbing death of 24-year-old Patricia Fernanda Teixeira Frois. The charge carries with it a sentence of life in State Prison without the possibility of parole. Several of Ms. Frois' friends and family members testified and her mother came from Brazil to attend the trial, which began on September 26th.

"Ms. Frois made a conscious decision to end her relationship with Mr. Almeida, but as it is in so many cases of domestic violence, he was unwilling to let her go," DA Cruz said. "A family shattered by the loss of their sister and daughter, has endured this trial and listened to gruesome details of their loved one's last hours. I hope over time, today's verdict and sentence will bring some closure to them."

At approximately 8:01 am on September 26, 2011, Marshfield Police received several 911 calls that a woman was being stabbed at the Fox Run Apartments in Marshfield. Upon arrival, they found Frois lying on the floor suffering from several stab wounds to her neck and body and a knife located nearby. Frois was treated at the scene and transported to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy performed on her body confirmed that she was stabbed 11 times in the neck, torso and head.

Investigators at the scene received information that the assailant, Almeida, fled the scene with a knife. State Police and Marshfield Police conducted a massive search for Almeida, which included use of the State Police Airwing and K-9, in the area surrounding the apartment complex. He was located at approximately 11:30 a.m. in a wooded area off of School Street where he was hiding in a shed. Almeida was suffering from self-inflicted injuries and was transported to South Shore Hospital for treatment. He was arraigned on murder charges from his hospital bed.

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The investigation revealed that Frois and Almeida were in a relationship and lived together before Frois made many attempts to sever her relationship. Evidence at trial showed the defendant was waiting outside the victim's door and attacked her with a large kitchen knife as she left for work that morning.

Assistant District Attorneys Sharon Donatelle and Brian Fahy prosecuted the case, which was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Marshfield Police and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

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